

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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Claim 1 (original)

A method, comprising:  
entering user information into a processor controlling a dispensing cabinet;  
said processor unlocking certain doors of the dispensing cabinet in response to said user information;  
choosing a locate mode;  
identifying an item to be located;  
flashing a display positioned on a shelf within the cabinet with the number of items held by that shelf which are to be located;  
logging off; and  
locking the unlocked doors.

Claim 2 (original)

The method of claim 1 additionally comprising the step of entering patient information.

Claim 3 (original)

The method of claim 2 additionally comprising the steps of opening one of the unlocked doors, selecting a compartment, entering the number of items taken, and closing the opened door.

Claim 4 (original)

The method of claim 1 wherein said step of choosing a locate mode includes choosing from among a dispense, locate, return and restock mode.

Claim 5 (original)

The method of claim 1 wherein said step of identifying an item to be located includes one of picking an item from a pick list, inputting identifying information with a keypad, and barcode scanning.

Claim 6 (original)

A method, comprising:

entering user information into a processor controlling a dispensing cabinet;  
said processor unlocking certain doors of the dispensing cabinet in response to said user information;  
entering patient information into the processor;  
choosing a locate mode;  
identifying an item to be located;  
flashing a display positioned on a shelf within the cabinet with the number of items held by that shelf which are to be located;  
opening an unlocked door behind which there is a shelf with a flashing display;  
selecting a compartment;  
zeroing the display in response to the selection of a compartment;  
identifying the number of items taken from the selected compartment;  
displaying the number of items taken on the display;  
closing the opened door;  
logging off; and  
locking the unlocked doors.

Claim 7 (original)

The method of claim 6 wherein said step of choosing a locate mode includes choosing from among a dispense, locate, return and restock mode.

Claim 8 (original)

The method of claim 6 wherein said step of identifying an item to be located includes one of picking an item from a pick list, inputting identifying information with a keypad, and barcode scanning.

Claims 9 – 23 (canceled)

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